

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 378

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team upon winning the Division III National Title.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those outstanding and gifted students of our State who bring honor to Tennessee as members of high school academic teams and act as ambassadors for our State through successful academic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Decathlon Team of Madison Academic Magnet High School recently won the Division III National Title during competition in Honolulu; the win marked the second overall title for Madison's Decathlon Team and its fourth consecutive trip to nationals; and

WHEREAS, Madison's team members, under the tutelage of esteemed coaches Teresa Luna and Marilyn Kemp, made yet another stellar showing in this year's competition; in addition to the overall win, team members Virgilio Gozum and Beth Steinberg also won individual honors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gozum placed second among all individual competitors in the competition, while Ms. Steinberg defeated 450 competitors to win the National Speech Showcase; the team also received an almost perfect score in the Super Quiz competition; and

WHEREAS, the team persevered for its triumph despite rigorous competition from other high school academic teams across the country; and

WHEREAS, the win is, in no small measure, due to the dedication of coaches Ms. Luna and Ms. Kemp, who, having dedicated themselves for years to the decathlon, are both retiring from competition after this year; and

WHEREAS, Madison's latest title is also the result of hard work and determination from its team members who began their odyssey by auditioning for a spot among stiff competition; once on the team, they studied hours every night to become fluent in ten subject areas; and

WHEREAS, the academic decathlon teaches valuable skills that its team members will have with them always, including strong study skills, teamwork, goal setting, and discipline; and

WHEREAS, the storied record of achievement of the members of the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team is truly impressive and is worthy of our recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the outstanding members of the Madison Academic Magnet High School Academic Decathlon Team on their stellar competitive record, recognize their superlative academic ability, and express our appreciation for their hard work and that of their fine coaches, Teresa Luna and Marilyn Kemp.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish them every success and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.